

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1 - 10 are allowed by. Claims 11 - 15 are rejected. By this amendment, claim 11 is amended. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

On page 2 the Office Action rejects claims 11 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 11 is amended to recite that the native ISA is stalled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

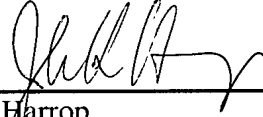
On page 3 the Office Action rejects claims 11, 12, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,732,235 to Kahle (hereafter Kahle) in view of U.S. Patent 5,537,559 to Kane et al. (hereafter Kane). On page 7 the Office Action rejects claim 13 over Kahle in view of Kane and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,515,521 to Whitted et al. (hereafter Whitted). On page 8 the Office Action rejects claim 15 over Kahle in view of Kane and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,584,037 to Papworth et al. (hereafter Papworth). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 is amended to recite pipeline advance logic, wherein the pipeline advance logic receives a delayed version of the fetch complete signal and advances the fetch address through the fetch engine and the engine of the emulated ISA based on the delayed version of the fetch complete signal. This feature is recited in allowed claim 1, and is not disclosed or suggested in any of the applied references, individually or in combination. In view of this amendment, claim 11 is allowable. Claims 12 - 15 depend from allowable claim 11, and for this reason and the additional features they recite, claims 12 - 15 also are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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